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Dear Jim,

You will recall that before making an approach to an eminence who was not politically close to JFK I discussed this with you. I have, as I've told you, gotten a friendly reception there.

I have also made approaches ~~kws~~ to two of JFK'd former close advisers. I have had ~~a~~encouraging response from both. The first says he wants to meet with me when next he is in the area. In this morning's mail is a letter from the second from which I quote this brief exerpt:"You are performing a great public service". The entire note is friendly.

I tell you this because I think the time is now if we can make the right kind of approaches to the right people and under the right circumstances. With them, unless they decide otherwise, I think the minimum essential on our side is absolute silence. Otherwise, we make it impossible for them to help, even get interested. Especially now. I want to discuss with you who I have approached and who else I or we might at this juncture, and what should follow. It may soon be possible for me to go there again. Now I'm waiting to hear from a few inquiries about a place to stay. I think I've arranged for the amount I need for fare.

You know the blackest-before-the-~~xkxmxkx~~ dawn bit. You have manifold immediate problems, yet I think, properly handled, the situation now can be advantageous to us if we can properly time the right move. I believe these steps I have taken have been successful.

Conversely, I also believe that error right now can be more serious. I wish we had a chance for a lengthy talk about this. Today we may be able to get allies that tommorw will be too afraid.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg